Statistics re. Under-trial Prisoners.

94. MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of under-trial prisoners in the years 1096, 1097 and 1098;

(*b*) the percentage of conviction among such prisoners; and

(*c*) the average length of time they were confined as under-trial prisoners?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

	1096	*1097*	*1098*
(*a*) Number of under-trial prisoners	1,226	1,177	1,333
(*b*) Percentage of conviction	61·47	64·91	59·88
(*c*) Average number of days	19·57	18·92	17·76

Treatment of Under-trial Prisoners.

95. MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that under-trial prisoners are treated much worse than convicted persons, in so far as daily baths, clean clothes and shaving are denied to them?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state what arrangements, if any, exist in respect of the aforesaid needs of under-trial prisoners?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There are no arrangements for the provision of clean clothes and shaving to the under-trial prisoners at Government cost; but no impediments are placed in the way of their availing themselves of the above conveniences when supplied by their relatives.

(*b*) The question of improving the conditions under which under-trial prisoners are detained is engaging the attention of the Government.

Lodging of Under-trial Prisoners.

96. MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Are not the Government aware that under-trial prisoners are lodged in insanitary cells and that they are found to be the carriers of germs of many diseases endangering the safety of the public or the convicts whom they have to join on acquittal or conviction, as the case may be?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The lock-ups in which the under-trial prisoners are lodged are reported to be not insanitary.

Medical Inspection, etc., of Under-trial Prisoners.

97. MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to take early steps for making the lot of under-trial prisoners more bearable and to arrange for a periodical medical inspection of these cells and their occupants?

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[Mr. N. Ramakrishna Pillai.]

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to question No. 114. The medical inspection of the cells occupied by under-trial prisoners has already been ordered (G. O. D. Dis. No. 1903 of 23/Judicial, dated the 6th July, 1923).

Fees in Vernacular Higher Grade Training Schools.

98. MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): (*a*) What is the rate of fee fixed for the students undergoing training in the Vernacular Higher Grade Training Schools of the State?

(*b*) Is it true that a lower rate of fee was being collected from the students of the Vernacular Higher Grade Training School at Changanachery and Nagercoil, while a higher rate was being collected from the students of the Kottarakara Training School?

(*c*) If so, was it done for any special reasons?

(*d*) For how many years was the lower rate of fee being collected?

(*e*) What is the amount of loss incurred on this account?

(*f*) If there is loss, who are the officers responsible for the same?

(*g*) Was any action taken by the Government or the educational authorities in this matter, and, if so, with what result?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The member is referred to Rule 185 (*b*) of the Education Code.

(*b*) A lower rate of fee is reported to have been collected from the students of the Vernacular Higher Grade Training School, Changanachery, the rate of fee collected from the students of the other two Training Schools being the rate specified in Rule 185 (*b*) of the Education Code.

(*c*) By mistake.

(*d*) About two years.

(*e*) Rs. 540.

(*f*) The inspecting officers of the vernacular branch of the Department.

(*g*) The matter is under enquiry.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state by whose mistake the lower rate of fee was collected?

PRESIDENT: You have the answer in (*f*).

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in (*f*). The mistake is on the part of the inspecting officers of the vernacular branch of the department.

Cartable road from Kadutturutti to Piravam.

99. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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